

State of Indiana eCivis Grants Network Grantor User Guide

Managing Subrecipient Tasks & Reports January 2025

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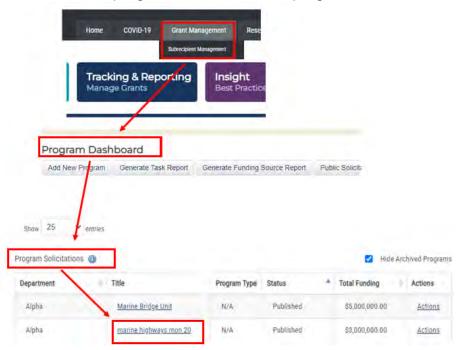
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Purpose

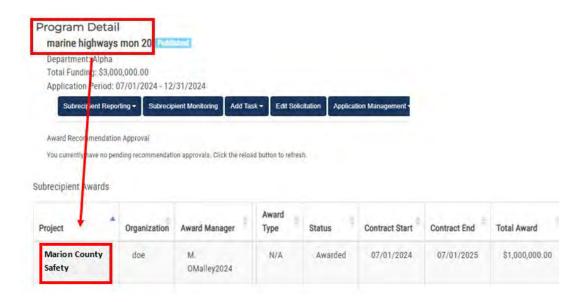
The purpose of this user guide is to provide specific instructions on creating and managing activity and financial reports, as well as creating and management program amendments.

Step 1: Managing the Subrecipient Tasks

1) The Agency eCivis user will navigate from the Home Page and under the **Grant Management** tab click the *Subrecipient Management* link. This will open the **Program Dashboard**. The Agency eCivis user will scroll down to the **Program Solicitation** and find the desired program and click on the program title link.



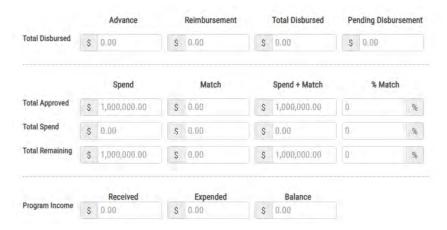
2) This takes the Agency eCivis user to the **Program Detail** page. Scroll down and find the Subrecipient Award that you want to manage and click on the project name link.



3) Once the award has been chosen, the **Subrecipient Details** page will appear and the Agency eCivis user can begin to manage the award utilizing the features available on this page. The **Subrecipient Detail** page begins with the **Award Detail** section which summarizes the award details.

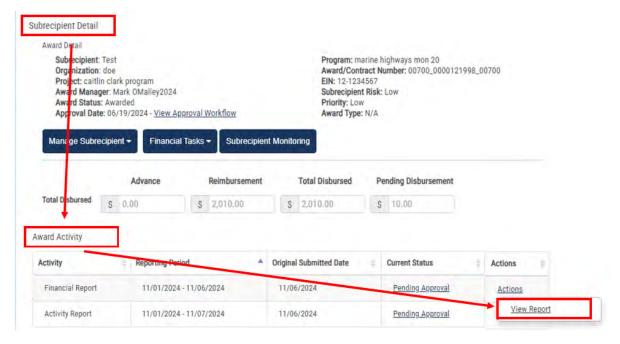


4) The **financial summary** section provides an overview of the financial status of the award.



Step 2: Award Activities

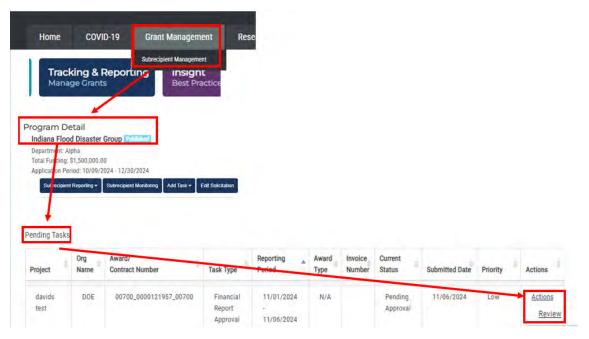
This section of the Subrecipient Detail page is located right under the financial summary. All Activity and Financial reports that are submitted by subrecipients are tracked in the Award Activity section. You have the option to view, not approve, the activities from this page.



- 1) If the Agency eCivis user would like to review the financial report that the subrecipient submitted, click the View Report link.
- 2) The financial report information is in the Financial Report Details section of the screen.



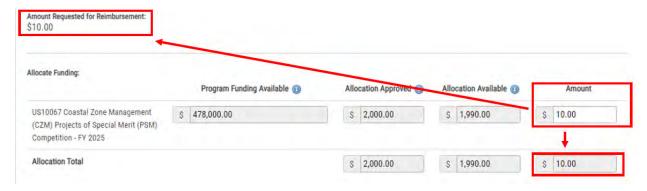
3) If the Financial Report Approver would like to approve the request, the report must be reviewed/approved in the **Pending Tasks** section on the **Program Detail** page. The Agency eCivis user will navigate from the Home Page and under the Grants Management tab click the Subrecipient Management link. This will open the Program Dashboard, and the Agency eCivis user will find the Pending Tasks table, which the Financial Report Approval task is located. The Agency eCivis user will click on Actions then Review.



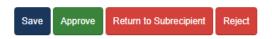
- 4) This will open the **Award Detail Page.** The Agency eCivis user will review and enter the following information.
 - a. **Reporting Period**: Review the start and end date entered by the Subrecipient.
 - b. Invoice Number: Enter the invoice number for this reimbursement request. This must be done prior to the final approval, if more than one approver is part of the workflow. The invoice number is one of the two fields required for the PeopleSoft query that SBA wrote to match the payments made by the Comptrollers Office. If this is not entered, the agency must manually mark the Financial Report paid after the Comptrollers Office pays the invoice.
 - c. **Budget Categories**: Review the Spend column to make sure the appropriate amount has been requested.



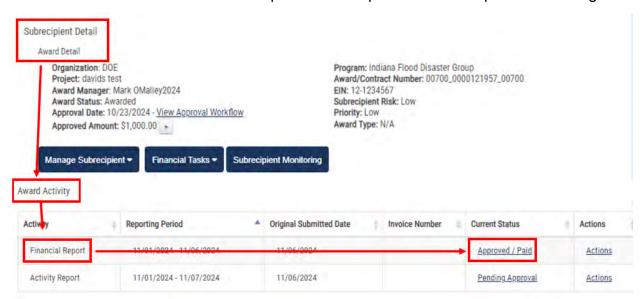
5) The **Allocate Funding** Section will need to be completed, and the full requested amount must be entered by the Agency eCivis user into the amount box on the right-hand side of the section. Once the Amount Requested for reimbursement matches the Allocation Total, the Allocation Total box will turn Grey and the Agency eCivis user can proceed.



6) After reviewing any further narratives or attached files that may be a part of the agency's protocol, the Finance Approver will scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Approve button to finalize the reimbursement request.



7) Once the request is approved, the status of the report will turn to *Approved / Awaiting Payment*. Once the Comptrollers Office pays the invoice, the following day it will be marked as *Paid* in eCivis, as long as the Agency eCivis user entered the invoice number. A record of the Financial Report will be kept in the Subrecipient Detail Page.



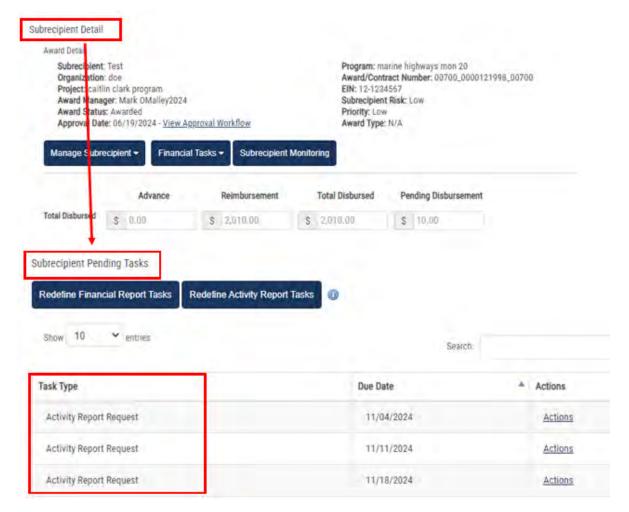
8) If any part of the request needs to be addressed by the subrecipient, the *Return to Subrecipient > button* can be clicked. An automated email from eCivis will be sent to the subrecipient indicating that a change is requested by the Agency. The Subrecipient will need to click on the *Here > hyperlink* to be taken to the Change request located in their portal account.



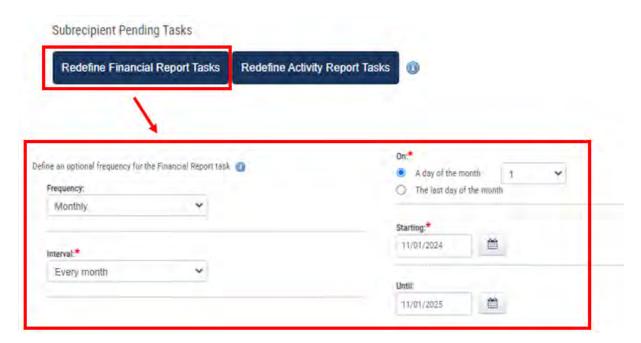
For more description of the Financial Report Approval Process go to **Award Management for Subrecipient User Guide.** The review/approval process for the **Activity Reports** is the same except there are no financial details to review/complete in the process.

Step 3: Subrecipient Pending Tasks

This section is where the Agency eCivis user can see the cadence they set for the subrecipient for the Activity and Financial reports or any other tasks that are upcoming.



The Agency eCivis user can change the cadence of the Financial Report or Activity Report or create one, if it was not set during the award phase. If the agency did not set a cadence for the financial reports and would like to do that from the **Subrecipient Pending Task Section**, click the *Redefine Financial Report Tasks > button*. A new window will open and the Agency eCivis user can set a cadence for the financial reports.

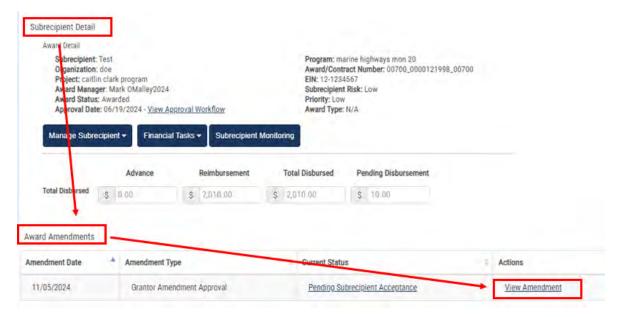


Once the frequency is set, click the OK > button and the **Subrecipient Pending Task Section** will now be updated with the new cadence for the Financial Reports. This same process can be done for the Activity Reports.

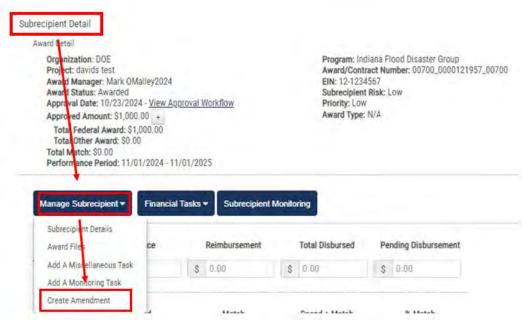


Step 4: Award Amendments

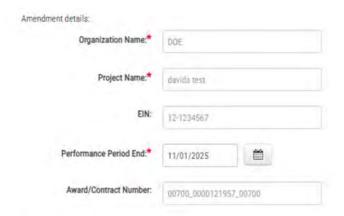
In the third and final section of the **Subrecipient Detail Page**, the **Award Amendments Section** is a record of all the amendments along with their statuses associated with the award. Clicking on View Amendment will provide view only access.



1) If the Agency eCivis user wants to create a Grantor Initiated Amendment, the Agency eCivis user will go to the **Subrecipient Detail** page and click the *Manage Subrecipient > button*. Select the *Create Amendment* option in the drop-down box.



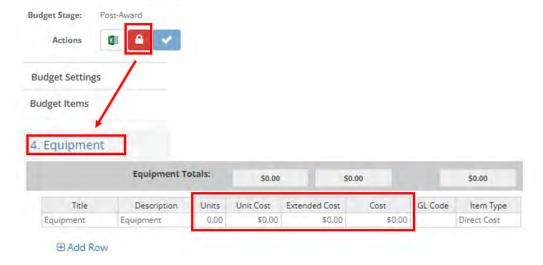
2) The **Amendment Details** section will auto populate with subrecipient detailed information.



3) If the Grantor Initiated Amendment requires a financial change, there is a box that must be selected to indicate the financial change. This will trigger a financial section to appear beneath the checkbox and the Agency eCivis user will click the *Amendment Budget* link. This will trigger a new screen to appear.



4) To amend the budget, the Agency eCivis user will need to click the red *Unlock* icon, which will unlock the budget page. The Agency eCivis user will locate the budget line to update and click on and enter in the proposed financial change.



5) Once all changes are made, the Agency eCivis user will scroll to the top of the page and click the *Save Changes > button*.



6) The Agency eCivis user will close the window and go back to the Award Details page. The Agency eCivis user can then add any formal documents if needed to be included with the task to be sent to the subrecipient. Adding a narrative is required before clicking the *Send for Approval > button*.



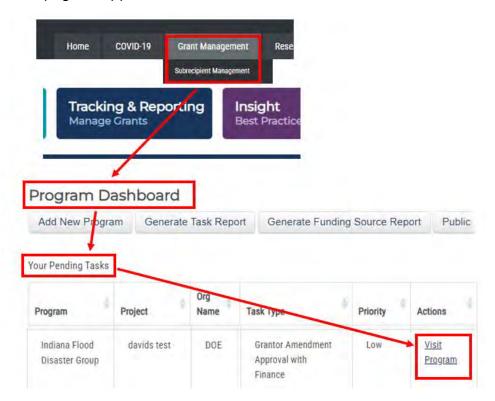
7) The completed Amendment will appear on the **Subrecipient Detail Page**, in the **Award Amendments** section, but can only be viewed and not approved from this location.

Award Amendments

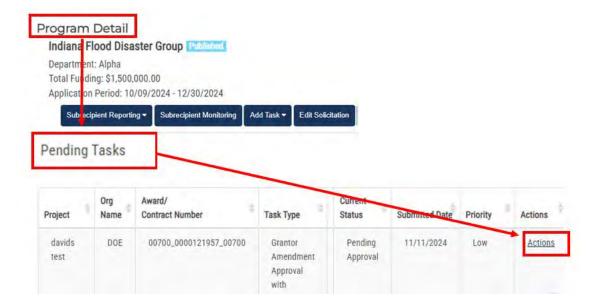


Step 5: Grantor Initiated Amendment Task Approval

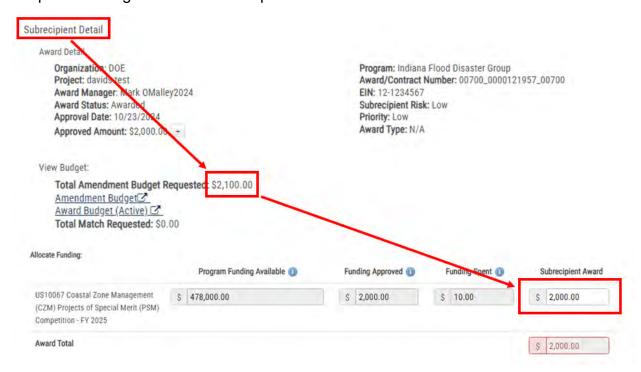
1) The Grantor Amendment approver can go to the Program Dashboard to access this amendment. The task will be in the Pending Task section on the Program Dashboard. The Agency eCivis user will click on the Visit Program link which will trigger the Program detail page to appear.



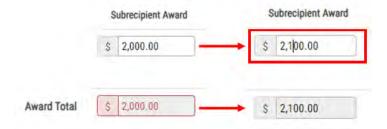
2) The Grantor Amendment task will be in the **Pending Task** section. The Agency eCivis user will click the *Actions > link* and then the *Review > button*.



3) This will trigger the Subrecipient Detail page to appear. The Agency eCivis user will scroll down to the Total Amendment Budget Requested and will need to type in the Requested Budget into the Subrecipient Award box.



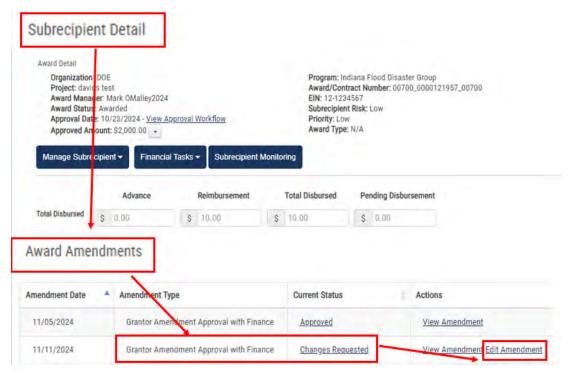
4) In this example, the **Amendment Budget Request** is \$2,100, the Agency eCivis user will type the new amount into the **Subrecipient Award** box. This will trigger the **Award Total** box to change automatically from red to grey, which indicates the request can move forward.



5) Once the **Subrecipient Amendment Budget Request**, the **Subrecipient Award**, and the **Award Total** all match, the Amendment can be processed. Before submitting the Amendment, there is an opportunity to attach documents to both the subrecipient and Agency eCivis user's internal team, depending on the Agency's Amendment protocol. Once complete, the Agency eCivis user will click on the *Approve > button* to send the Amendment to the subrecipient for review/approval.



6) The Agency eCivis user can always return the Amendment back to the Agency eCivis user that created the amendment by clicking the *Return to Task Owner > button*. This will send the task back to the Subrecipient Detail Page in the **Award Amendments Section**, which is the section at the bottom of the page. If the Task is returned to the owner the status will read "*Changes Requested*". At this point the Agency eCivis user can click on the *Edit Amendment link* to begin the process again and repeat the steps above until finalized and the *Approve > button* can be clicked.



7) For more details on the subrecipients responsibilities on completing this task please go to the <u>Award & Management for Subrecipients User Guide</u>.

Conclusion

The description of all the activities in this User Guide is to help the Agency eCivis user understand where Subrecipient task management falls and how to locate those tasks on the correct dashboard.

Definitions

Agency eCivis user – A user of eCivis Grants Network. This is a State of Indiana staff person using the system as a Grantee or Grantor. See Grantee and Grantor.

Agreement – May also be referred to as grant agreement. It is a legal instrument executed to provide financial assistance to a Grantee/Subrecipient. See Notice of Award (NOA).

Applicant – An individual or entity applying to a grant program.

Application – The specific set of forms, documents, and attachments that comprise an Applicant's submission to a solicitation. See Solicitation.

Application Workspace – An Application Workspace is created for authorized Agency eCivis users to view and create their application and evaluation forms outside of any State of Indiana required fields for competitive solicitations It will also include the budget selected at solicitation, but it is not editable. The Application Workspace allows Agency eCivis users to identify application review team members, make application review assignments, and tabulate review results and scores. See also Solicitation and Zengine.

Award Approval Package – The collection of documents, within a task, which support the finalization of a grant award captured in eCivis Grants Network. This includes an auto-generated award notice from eCivis Grants Network, awarded budget, and goal setting (if enabled as part of the solicitation setup)—along with any specific documents uploaded and provided to the Subrecipient by the Grantor (agreement, further post-award guidance, reporting template, etc.).

Budget – The financial information Applicants are required to submit to the Funder or Grantor detailing how they will spend grant funds, if awarded. This budget is carried over to the awarded grant so that the Grantee or Subrecipient reports financial information at the level of detail required by each grant program.

Cash Match – A portion of project costs not paid by Federal funds as a direct project expense (2 CFR 200.306). This portion of the project costs are provided as cash from the Indiana State Agency or State of Indiana resources.

eCivis – The software vendor that created eCivis Grants Network (Indiana State Agencies as Grantees/Grantors) and eCivis Grants Portal (Applicants/Subrecipients to Indiana State Agencies' grant programs).

eCivis Project – Project is used in two ways within eCivis Grants Network, Grantee project and Grantor project. See Grantee Project and Grantor Project.

Financial Report (Payment or Reimbursement Request) – The task assigned to a Grantee or Subrecipient to submit financial data. Financial reports can also include payment or reimbursement requests within them. These reports are usually recurring in nature through the grant term.

Grant Amendment – An amendment (either initiated by the Grantor or Grantee/Subrecipient) that will officially change the terms of the agreement. An amendment can edit the scope of work, grant term, or financial information.

Grantee – Persons or organizations who receive funding from another party. Indiana State Agencies operate in the role of a Grantee when they receive funding from external parties like the Federal government. A Grantee is also referred to as a Subrecipient.

Grantee Project – Indiana State Agencies can manage grants that they pursue from pre-award to post-award by creating a project.

Grantor – Persons or organizations that provide grant funding to another party. Indiana State Agencies operate as Grantors when they distribute grant funds to Subrecipients (Grantees). Also, referred to as a Funder.

Grantor Project – A project title is required for each application submitted by an Applicant and an award granted by an Indiana State Agency. The Subrecipient or the Grantor (Indiana State Agency) can edit the project title at any time. The project title is called Project or Project Name in eCivis Grants Network.

Grants Network (GN) – The eCivis name for the software. eCivis also refers to the system as "eCivis," "eCivis Grants Network," or "GN."

Notice of Award (NOA) – A legal document notifying the Recipient that an award has been made and funds may be requested from the awarding agency.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – A formal announcement of the availability of funding through a financial assistance program from an awarding agency.

Period of Performance (Performance Period) – Time interval between the start of an award and the end date. Referred to also as the Grant Term and Project Period.

Portal (eCivis Grants Portal) – The public-facing portal for Applicants of all Indiana State Agency grant programs released in eCivis Grants Network. URL: https://portal.ecivis.com/#/login.

Program – The release of funds to Subrecipients. Programs are also referred to as "grant programs." For example, The Office of Community and Rural Affairs releases a grant program to accept applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

Recipient – As part of the Grantor award recommendation process performed by an Agency eCivis user in eCivis Grants Network, the Recipient is the Applicant (person or organization) receiving the award directly from the Indiana State Agency. While the Federal definition of 'Recipient' does not include Subrecipients—as its definition is strictly being the direct recipient of the Federal funding from the Federal Grantor (i.e., not being a Subrecipient from an entity that received the Federal funding)—within eCivis Grants Network, the Recipient and Subrecipient have been used synonymously. Also, referred to as the Prime Recipient.

Solicitation – The public-facing notification of available grant funding. The solicitation setup in eCivis Grants Network creates either public-facing or internal application content, dependent upon program-specific settings. See Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Subrecipient – An entity that receives a grant from an Indiana State Agency utilizing eCivis Grants Network. Also, it can be referred to as a Grantee of the Indiana State Agency.

Task – A system-generated "to do" that must be completed. Tasks can be manually created, or system-generated as part of a workflow. See Workflow.

Workflow – A series of review and approval activities or tasks that must be completed to accomplish specific parts of the grant process, e.g., State Budget Agency (SBA) pursuance approval or financial reports with/without payment/reimbursement requests from Subrecipients.

Workspace – See Application Workspace and Zengine.

Zengine – The third-party tool used for the configuration of online applications, application review forms, assignment of reviewers to applications, and online review and scoring of submitted grant applications. This is also referred to as the Application Workspace.